



604.02 Special Medical and Religious Diets

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604.02-1 Policy

The Hendry County Sheriff's Office Jail system shall provide special diets as prescribed by appropriate medical or dental personnel and special diets for inmates who are members of a recognized religious group-requiring adherence to religious dietary laws.

604.02-2 Special Medical Diets

- I. Special medical diets shall be prepared for inmates when prescribed by appropriate medical and dental authorities.
- II. Written instructions for medical diets shall be provided by health care staff to contract food service staff and shall contain the following information:
 - A. Inmate name
 - B. Cell location
 - C. Food allergies, as applicable
 - D. Type and amount of food to be provided
 - E. Effective date, evaluation date, and termination date
- III. Diets shall be kept as simple as possible and conform as closely as possible to the food served other inmates.
- IV. Paper or plastic plates, drinking cups, and eating utensils shall be used for special diets fed to inmates with contagious illnesses. All utensils, unused foods and liquids shall be properly disposed of.
- V. Medical diets will be reviewed by health care staff and rewritten monthly.

604.02-3 Religious Diets

- I. Inmates requesting special religious diets must submit an Inmate Request form to the Chaplain indicating foods, which are to be added or deleted to comply with the dietary requirements of the inmate's religion.
- II. Requests for religious diets must be approved by the Chaplain and contract health care staff prior to being forwarded to the Jail Administrator for final approval.
- III. Approved requests shall be forwarded to the contractual food service Director for implementation.
- IV. Special religious diet requests shall contain all information referred to in paragraph 604.02-2.II.

- V. Special diet food items shall not exceed the quantity and quality provided to general population inmates.
- VI. Religious diets shall be reviewed by the Chaplain and reissued monthly.

604.02-4 Food Service Records

- I. Contract food service staff shall maintain a file for special diets.
- II. After the special diets have been completed, contract food service staff will record in the comments section any problem areas or any diets requiring any specific nutrients calculations or significant changes. Any such changes will require the approval of contract health care staff.

REFERENCES

State/Federal Regulations:

Florida Model Jail Standards

FCAC:

N/A

PREA:

N/A

Forms:

Inmate Request

Other Policy/ Procedure References:

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